

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) An M-bit adder capable of receiving a first M-bit argument, a second M-bit argument, and a carry-in (CI) bit comprising:

M adder cells arranged in R rows, wherein a least significant adder cell in a first one of said rows of adder cells is operable to:

receive a first data bit,  $A_x$ , from said first M-bit argument and a first data bit,  $B_x$ , from said second M-bit argument,

generate both a first conditional carry-out bit,  $C_x(1)$ , and a second conditional carry-out bit,  $C_x(0)$ , and

provide the first and second conditional carry-out bits  $C_x(1)$  and  $C_x(0)$  to ~~another a~~ second one of said adder cells, and

wherein said  $C_x(1)$  bit is calculated assuming a row carry-out bit from a second row of adder cells preceding said first row is a 1 and said  $C_x(0)$  bit is calculated assuming said row carry-out bit from said second row is a 0; and

wherein said second one of said adder cells in said first one of said rows is operable to:

receive a first data bit,  $A_{x+1}$ , from said first M-bit argument and a first data bit,  $B_{x+1}$ , from said second M-bit argument,

receive both said first conditional carry-out bit,  $C_x(1)$  and said second conditional carry-out bit,  $C_x(0)$ ;

generate both a first conditional carry-out bit,  $C_{x+1}(1)$ , and a second conditional carry-out bit,  $C_{x+1}(0)$  by propagating said first conditional carry-out bit,  $C_x(1)$  and said second conditional carry-out bit,  $C_x(0)$  through a first pass gate and a second pass gate, respectively, when said first data bit  $A_{x+1}$  and said second data bit  $B_{x+1}$  are not equal, and  
output said first and second conditional carry-out bits  $C_{x+1}(1)$  and  $C_{x+1}(0)$  to other  
circuitry.

2. (Original) The M-bit adder as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said least significant adder cell generates a first conditional sum bit,  $S_x(1)$ , and a second conditional sum bit,  $S_x(0)$ .
3. (Original) The M-bit adder as set forth in Claim 2 wherein said  $S_x(1)$  bit is calculated assuming said row carry-out bit from said second row is a 1 and said  $S_x(0)$  bit is calculated assuming said row carry-out bit from said second row is a 0.
4. (Original) The M-bit adder as set forth in Claim 3 wherein said row carry-out bit selects one of said  $S_x(1)$  bit and said  $S_x(0)$  bit to be output by said least significant adder cell.
5. (Currently Amended) The M-bit adder as set forth in Claim 4 wherein said other circuitry comprises:

a third adder cell in said first one of said rows of adder cells, and wherein said third adder cell receives a third data bit,  $A_{x+2}$ , from said first M-bit argument and a third data bit,  $B_{x+2}$ , from said second M-bit argument, and receives from said second adder cell said  $C_{x+1}(1)$  bit and said  $C_{x+1}(0)$  bit. ~~first row of adder cells further comprises a second adder cell coupled to said least significant adder cell, wherein said second adder cell receives a second data bit,  $A_{x+1}$ , from said first M-bit argument and a second data bit,  $B_{x+1}$ , from said second M-bit argument, and receives from said least significant adder cell said  $C_x(1)$  bit and said  $C_x(0)$  bit.~~

6. - 7. (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) The M-bit adder as set forth in Claim [[7]] 4 wherein said second adder cell generates a first conditional sum bit,  $S_{x+1}(1)$ , wherein said  $S_{x+1}(1)$  bit is generated from said  $A_{x+1}$  data bit, said  $B_{x+1}$  data bit, and said  $C_x(1)$  bit from said least significant adder cell.

9. (Original) The M-bit adder as set forth in Claim 8 wherein said second adder cell generates a second conditional sum bit,  $S_{x+1}(0)$ , wherein said  $S_{x+1}(0)$  bit is generated from said  $A_{x+1}$  data bit, said  $B_{x+1}$  data bit, and said  $C_x(0)$  bit from said least significant adder cell.

10. (Original) The M-bit adder as set forth in Claim 9 wherein said row carry-out bit selects one of said  $S_{x+1}(1)$  bit and said  $S_{x+1}(0)$  bit to be output by said second adder cell.

11. (Original) The M-bit adder as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said first row of adder cells contains N adder cells and said second row of adder cells preceding said first row contains less than N adder cells.

12. (Currently Amended) A data processor comprising:

an instruction execution pipeline comprising N processing stages, each of said N processing stages capable of performing one of a plurality of execution steps associated with a pending instruction being executed by said instruction execution pipeline, wherein at least one of said N processing stages comprises an M-bit adder capable of receiving a first M-bit argument, a second M-bit argument, and a carry-in (CI) bit, said M-bit adder comprising:

M adder cells arranged in R rows, wherein a least significant adder cell in a first one of said rows of adder cells is operable to:

receive a first data bit,  $A_x$ , from said first M-bit argument and a first data bit,  $B_x$ , from said second M-bit argument,

generate both a first conditional carry-out bit,  $C_x(1)$ , and a second conditional carry-out bit,  $C_x(0)$ , and

provide the first and second conditional carry-out bits  $C_x(1)$  and  $C_x(0)$  to another a second one of said adder cells, and

wherein said  $C_x(1)$  bit is calculated assuming a row carry-out bit from a second row of adder cells preceding said first row is a 1 and said  $C_x(0)$  bit is calculated assuming said row carry-out bit from said second row is a 0; and

wherein said second one of said adder cells in said first one of said rows is operable to:

receive a first data bit,  $A_{x+1}$ , from said first M-bit argument and a first data bit,  $B_{x+1}$ , from said second M-bit argument,

receive both said first conditional carry-out bit,  $C_x(1)$  and said second conditional  
carry-out bit,  $C_x(0)$ ;  
generate both a first conditional carry-out bit,  $C_{x+1}(1)$ , and a second conditional carry-  
out bit,  $C_{x+1}(0)$  by propagating said first conditional carry-out bit,  $C_x(1)$  and said second conditional  
carry-out bit,  $C_x(0)$  through a first pass gate and a second pass gate, respectively, when said first data  
bit  $A_{x+1}$  and said second data bit  $B_{x+1}$  are not equal, and  
output said first and second conditional carry-out bits  $C_{x+1}(1)$  and  $C_{x+1}(0)$ ..

13. (Original) The data processor as set forth in Claim 12 wherein said least significant adder cell generates a first conditional sum bit,  $S_x(1)$ , and a second conditional sum bit,  $S_x(0)$ .

14. (Original) The data processor as set forth in Claim 13 wherein said  $S_x(1)$  bit is calculated assuming said row carry-out bit from said second row is a 1 and said  $S_x(0)$  bit is calculated assuming said row carry-out bit from said second row is a 0.

15. (Original) The data processor as set forth in Claim 14 wherein said row carry-out bit selects one of said  $S_x(1)$  bit and said  $S_x(0)$  bit to be output by said least significant adder cell.

16. (Currently Amended) The data processor as set forth in Claim 15 wherein said other circuitry comprises:

a third adder cell in said first one of said rows of adder cells, and wherein said third adder cell receives a third data bit,  $A_{x+2}$ , from said first M-bit argument and a third data bit,  $B_{x+2}$ , from said second M-bit argument, and receives from said second adder cell said  $C_{x+1}(1)$  bit and said  $C_{x+1}(0)$  bit. ~~first row of adder cells further comprises a second adder cell coupled to said least significant adder cell, wherein said second adder cell receives a second data bit,  $A_{x+1}$ , from said first M-bit argument and a second data bit,  $B_{x+1}$ , from said second M-bit argument, and receives from said least significant adder cell said  $C_x(1)$  bit and said  $C_x(0)$  bit.~~

17. - 18. (Canceled).

19. (Currently Amended) The data processor as set forth in Claim [[18]] 15 wherein said second adder cell generates a first conditional sum bit,  $S_{x+1}(1)$ , wherein said  $S_{x+1}(1)$  bit is generated from said  $A_{x+1}$  data bit, said  $B_{x+1}$  data bit, and said  $C_x(1)$  bit from said least significant adder cell.

20. (Original) The data processor as set forth in Claim 19 wherein said second adder cell generates a second conditional sum bit,  $S_{x+1}(0)$ , wherein said  $S_{x+1}(0)$  bit is generated from said  $A_{x+1}$  data bit, said  $B_{x+1}$  data bit, and said  $C_x(0)$  bit from said least significant adder cell.

21. (Original) The data processor as set forth in Claim 20 wherein said row carry-out bit selects one of said  $S_{x+1}(1)$  bit and said  $S_{x+1}(0)$  bit to be output by said second adder cell.

22. (Original) The data processor as set forth in Claim 12 wherein said first row of adder cells contains N adder cells and said second row of adder cells preceding said first row contains less than N adder cells.



23. (Currently Amended) A method of adding a first M-bit argument and a second M-bit argument in an M-bit adder, the M-bit adder comprising M adder cells arranged in R rows, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a first data bit,  $A_x$ , from the first M-bit argument and a first data bit,  $B_x$ , from the second M-bit argument in a least significant adder cell in a first one of the rows of adder cells;

calculating in the least significant adder cell a first conditional carry-out bit,  $C_x(1)$ , assuming a row carry-out bit from a second row of adder cells preceding the first row is a 1;

calculating in the least significant adder cell a second conditional carry-out bit,  $C_x(0)$ , assuming the row carry-out bit from the second row is a 0;

calculating in the least significant adder cell a first conditional sum bit,  $S_x(1)$ , assuming the row carry-out bit from the second row is a 1;

calculating in the least significant adder cell a second conditional sum bit,  $S_x(0)$ , assuming the row carry-out bit from the second row is a 0;

propagating the  $C_x(1)$  bit and the  $C_x(0)$  bit to a second adder cell in the first row of adder cells; ~~and~~

selecting one of the  $S_x(1)$  bit and the  $S_x(0)$  bit to be output from the least significant adder cell according to a value of the row carry-out bit from the second row; and.

receiving a first data bit,  $A_{x+1}$ , from the first M-bit argument and a first data bit,  $B_{x+1}$ , from the second M-bit argument in the second adder cell in said first one of said rows of adder cells;

generating in said second adder cell both a first conditional carry-out bit,  $C_{x+1}(1)$ , and a second conditional carry-out bit,  $C_{x+1}(0)$  by propagating said carry-out bit  $C_x(1)$  and said second conditional carry-out bit  $C_x(0)$  through a first pass gate and a second pass gate, respectively, when said first data bit  $A_{x+1}$  and said second data bit  $B_{x+1}$  are not equal, and  
outputting said first and second conditional carry-out bits  $C_{x+1}(1)$  and  $C_{x+1}(0)$  to other circuitry.

24. (New) The M-bit adder as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said second adder cell further comprises:

a first inverter operable for inverting said first conditional carry-out bit  $C_y(1)$  transmitted through said first pass gate prior to outputting said first conditional carry-out bit  $C_y(1)$ ; and

a second inverter operable for inverting said second conditional carry-out bit  $C_y(0)$  transmitted through said second pass gate prior to outputting said second conditional carry-out bit  $C_y(0)$ .

25. (New) The M-bit adder as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said second adder cell further comprises:

a first inverter operable for inverting said received conditional carry-out bit  $C_x(1)$  prior to transmission through said first pass gate; and

a second inverter operable for inverting said received second conditional carry-out bit  $C_x(0)$  prior to transmission through said second pass gate.

26. (New) The M-bit adder as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said other circuitry comprises:

a row multiplexer, wherein said row carry-out bit from said second row of adder cells preceding said first row selects one of said  $C_{x+1}(1)$  bit and said  $C_{x+1}(0)$  bit to be output by said row multiplexer.

27. (New) The M-bit adder as set forth in Claim 9 wherein said first adder cell comprises:

a first multiplexer operable for receiving said first conditional sum bit,  $S_x(1)$  and said second conditional sum bit  $S_x(0)$ , wherein said row carry-out bit selects one of said  $S_x(1)$  bit and said  $S_x(0)$  bit to be output by said first adder cell; and

said second adder cell comprises:

a second multiplexer operable for receiving said second conditional sum bit  $S_{x+1}(1)$  and said second conditional sum bit  $S_{x+1}(0)$ , wherein said row carry-out bit selects one of said  $S_{x+1}(1)$  bit and said  $S_{x+1}(0)$  bit to be output by said second adder cell.

28. (New) The data processor as set forth in Claim 12 wherein said second adder cell further comprises:

a first inverter operable for inverting said first conditional carry-out bit  $C_Y(1)$  transmitted through said first pass gate prior to outputting said first conditional carry-out bit  $C_Y(1)$ ; and

a second inverter operable for inverting said second conditional carry-out bit  $C_Y(0)$  transmitted through said second pass gate prior to outputting said second conditional carry-out bit  $C_Y(0)$ .

29. (New) The data processor as set forth in Claim 12 wherein said second adder cell further comprises:

a first inverter operable for inverting said received conditional carry-out bit  $C_X(1)$  prior to transmission through said first pass gate; and

a second inverter operable for inverting said received second conditional carry-out bit  $C_X(0)$  prior to transmission through said second pass gate.

30. (New) The data processor as set forth in Claim 12 wherein said other circuitry comprises:

a row multiplexer, wherein said row carry-out bit from said second row of adder cells preceding said first row selects one of said  $C_{X+1}(1)$  bit and said  $C_{X+1}(0)$  bit to be output by said row multiplexer.

31. (New) The data processor as set forth in Claim 20 wherein said first adder cell comprises:

a first multiplexer operable for receiving said first conditional sum bit,  $S_x(1)$  and said second conditional sum bit  $S_x(0)$ , wherein said row carry-out bit selects one of said  $S_x(1)$  bit and said  $S_x(0)$  bit to be output by said first adder cell; and

said second adder cell comprises:

a second multiplexer operable for receiving said second conditional sum bit  $S_{x+1}(1)$  and said second conditional sum bit  $S_{x+1}(0)$ , wherein said row carry-out bit selects one of said  $S_{x+1}(1)$  bit and said  $S_{x+1}(0)$  bit to be output by said second adder cell